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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection: Public Comment Request

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS

**ACTION: Notice** 

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirement for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects (Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) announces plans to submit an Information Collection Request (ICR), described below, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Prior to submitting the ICR to OMB, HRSA seeks comments from the public regarding the burden estimate below, or any other aspect of the ICR.

DATES: Comments on this Information Collection Request must be received within 60 days of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments to <u>paperwork@hrsa.gov</u> or mail the HRSA Information Collection Clearance Officer, Room 10-29, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and draft instruments, email <a href="mailto:paperwork@hrsa.gov">paperwork@hrsa.gov</a> or call the HRSA Information Collection Clearance Officer at (301) 443-1984.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: When submitting comments or requesting information, please include the information request collection title for reference.

Information Collection Request Title: Advanced Education Nursing Traineeship (AENT)

Program application

OMB No. 0915-XXXX – New

Abstract: The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) provides advanced education nursing training grants to educational institutions to increase the numbers of advanced education nurses through the AENT Program. The AENT Program is governed by Title VIII, Section 811(a)(2) of the Public Health Service Act, (42 U.S.C. 296j(a)(2)), as amended by Section 5308 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010, Public Law 111-148. This new request includes the Project Abstract, Program Narrative, Attachments and Tables.

The proposed AENT Tables will include information on program participants such as the projected number of enrollees/trainees receiving traineeship support; projected number of graduates receiving traineeship support for the previous fiscal year; the types of programs they are enrolling into and/or from which enrollees/trainees are graduating; and the distribution of primary care nurse practitioners and nurse midwives who plan to practice in rural, underserved, or public health practice settings.

Need and Proposed Use of the Information: The Project Abstract is often distributed to provide information to the public and Congress. HRSA will use this information in determining the amount of traineeship support to be awarded per student per institution and to succinctly capture data for the number of projected students for determining eligibility for Special Consideration and Statutory Funding Preference.

Likely Respondents: Eligible applicants are schools of nursing, nursing centers, academic health centers, state or local governments, and other public or private nonprofit entities determined appropriate by the Secretary that submit an application and are accredited for the provision of primary care nurse practitioner and nurse midwifery programs accredited by a national nurse education accrediting agency recognized by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education. The school must be located in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, or the Republic of Palau.

Burden Statement: Burden in this context means the time expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, disclose or provide the information requested. This includes the time needed to review instructions; to develop, acquire, install and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of collecting, validating and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; to train personnel and to be able to respond to a collection of information; to search data sources; to complete and review the collection of information; and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information. The total annual burden hours estimated for this Information Collection Request are summarized in the table below.

## Total Estimated Annualized burden hours:

Form Name	Number of Respondents	Number of Responses per Respondent	Total Responses	Average Burden per Response (in hours)	Total Burden Hours
AENT Application including the AENT Tables and Attachments	236	1	236	7	1,652
Total	236	1	236	7	1,652

HRSA specifically requests comments on (1) the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions, (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden, (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be

collected, and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information
technology to minimize the information collection burden.

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